MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: ഇതിനുള്ള ഉത്തരം അടുത്ത ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ മറുപടിയിൽ കാണാം.

"The 10 undergraduate conductors were selected from among men who had been employed as checking inspectors for long periods in the services taken up by the Department".

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: ഈ പത്തുപേരിൽ പിന്നോക്ക സമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവർ ആരെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Amongst conductors there are Nadars and a few from amongst other unrepresented communities.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ബന്ധത്തിൽപ്പെട്ട ആരെയെങ്കിലും ഈ കൂട്ടത്തിൽ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are not aware.

Conductors and Inspectors of the Transport Department.

120. ❋ MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons appointed as conductors and inspectors by the Transport Department?

(*a*) their qualifications; and

(*c*) if undergraduates have been appointed, the considerations that weighed with the appointing authorities in appointing them?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) Conductors 105. Inspectors 22 including 2 District Inspectors.

(*b*) All except 10 Conductors and 2 Inspectors are graduates.

(*c*) The 10 undergraduate conductors were selected from among men who had been employed as checking inspectors for long periods in the services taken up by the Department.

One undergraduate Inspector had intensive training in the Traffic Department of an English Railway Co., whilst the other holds diplomas in Engineering.

Bund at Koonananjilikal in Kunnatnad Taluk.

121. ❋ MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they usually put up a bund at Koonananjilikkal, Trikkakara pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk;

(*b*) whether the said bund is put up to prevent brackish water (brine) from entering the properties above the bund and thereby damaging the cultivation;

(*c*) whether the Cochin Government bears any portion of the expense for putting up this bund;

(*d*) if so, what portion,

(*e*) the total expenditure for each year for putting up such a bund;

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(*f*) the month during which the bund is to be put up;

(*g*) the date on which this bund was put up in 1113;

(*h*) whether petition has been received by the Government, the Chief Engineer or the Irrigation Division Officer complaining about the bund not having been put up in time;

(*i*) if so, when they were received;

(*j*) whether any enquiry was made in the matter;

(*k*) if so, whether they will give full particulars regarding it; and

(*l*) whether the fact that salt-water is leaking out through the bund put up this year has come to the notice of the Irrigation Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Cost in proportion to the area benefited in the Cochin State is borne by the Cochin Government.

(*e*) The expenditure for the years 1109 to 1112 were respectively Rs. 1,566-19-1, Rs. 674-6-0, Rs. 817-6-4 and Rs. 873-18-0.

(*f*) The bund is put up after Thulam rains, usually during Vrischigom.

(*g*) First week of Dhanu 1113.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) In February 1938 (Makaram 1113).

(*j*) Yes.

(*k*) The time for putting up the bund depends upon the rains and the Department has always attended to the work in time and with out delay. No damage to crops has been caused in 1113 due to the alleged delay in putting up the bund.

(*l*) No.

The Koilpalam Bridge.

122. ✻**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of constructing Koilpalam bridge on the Chengannur-Aranmula road, in continuation of the Aykattu bridge on the same road; and

(*b*) the action hitherto taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Estimate has been prepared and administrative approval accorded by Government, but the work is pending execution for want of funds.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the date on which administrative approval was accorded by Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: July 1937.

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